

ABSTRACT

The invention provides a method of enhancing the healing of bone fractures in an animal
5 subjected to distraction osteogenesis, the method comprising administering, to the animal in
need thereof, a growth hormone or a growth hormone secretagogue in an amount sufficient to
provide bone formation simultaneous with the distraction procedure.

The invention further provides a method for treatment of patients suffering from fractured
10 bones by distractive osteogenesis, which method comprises administering an effective amount
of a growth hormone or a growth hormone secretagogue to a patient in need of such a treat-
ment in conjunction with the distraction procedure, as well the use of a growth hormone or a
growth hormone secretagogue for the manufacture of a medicament for the enhancement of
healing of bone fractures in distractive osteogenesis,

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